



#3739  
#1

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No.: S-9-1

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

On January 7, 2003  
By Katie Zarzana  
Katie Zarzana

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

JOHN J. LETTICE et al.

Application No.: 09/747,311

Filed: December 20, 2000

For: METHODS FOR TARGETED  
ELECTROSURGERY ON CONTAINED  
HERNIATED DISCS

Examiner: Lee S. Cohen

Art Unit: 3739

**RESPONSE**

**RECEIVED**

**JAN 23 2003**

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir: ~

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2002, for which a response was due October 9, 2002. Applicant submits a request for 3 month extension thereby extending the time for response to January 9, 2003. Thus, this response is timely filed.